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FOOD SITUATION IN THE PROVINCE - Review for the first Fortnight of April.

From the Board of Revenue (C.S.) Ref.E. 56670/48, dated 28-4-1948.

To A.S.

The fortnightly report on the food situation in Madras Province for the fortnight ending 15-4-1948 at pp.3-10 c.f. and enclosures thereto at pp.11-14 c.f. may be perused.

1. Weather conditions and crop prospects: The rainfall during the fortnight was fair to moderate in the districts of Coimbatore, the Nilgiris, Tinnevelly, Madura, Tiruchirapalli, South Kanara and Malabar. There was little or no rainfall in the other districts of the Province.

Agricultural operations have been held up in parts of Chittoor, North Arcot and Ramnad districts for want of rains. In Tinnevelly also, agricultural operations were partly held up as rainfall during the fortnight was insufficient.

Water supply is inadequate in Nellore, Chingleput, North Arcot, Salem, Ramnad, Tinnevelly, South Kanara and the Nilgiris districts and in parts of Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Chittoor and Madura districts.

Sowing or transplantation of paddy was proceeding in West Godavari district and of paddy and dry crops in parts of Tiruchirapalli district. Paddy crop in dry, wet and manavari lands has failed in extensive areas in all the taluks in Chingleput district. In Chittoor district, large extents of rainfed paddy have gone shavi in two taluks and failed in parts of one taluk. Wet crops in parts of Tinnevelly district are withering for want of rains. In south Kanara district standing crops have failed for want of rains and in Bellary district the crops have been affected in parts. In Anantapur district paddy crop in one taluk has been slightly affected by pest. The condition of the standing crops is generally fair in the other districts of the Province.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in Cuddapah district, South Arcot, Tiruchirapalli and Tinnevelly districts and of dry crops in Bellary, Cuddapah and Nellore districts.

The outturn of paddy was fair in Cuddapah district and poor to fair in South Arcot, Tiruchirapalli and Tinnevelly districts. The outturn of dry crops was generally fair.

STOCK AND SUPPLY POSITION - The stock position of foodgrains was as following when compared with that of the previous week.

Foodgrains	on 3-4-48	On 10-4-1948
Rice	331,784	351,522
Wheat	4,314	4,109
Maida	751	708
Maize	61,263	65,981
Other grains	18,684	20,182

RICE: The stocks in the districts are adequate at present. The following quantities were received during the fortnight under review:-

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From Orissa	..	407 tons
Eastern States	..	754 "
Pakistan	..	1500 "
Overseas	..	17303 "
		19964 tons

Millets (including Maize): With the large imports of Overseas maize and milo adequate supplies are available in the districts and the supply position of millets is generally satisfactory.

A quantity of 10,438 tons of overseas maize was received in the Province during the fortnight. Including this quantity the total receipts of maize so far amount to 1,16,882 tons. As large stocks of overseas maize (over 1,16,000 tons) have been received already during the first quarter and as considerable difficulty is being experienced to secure suitable storage accommodation, the Government of India have been requested to defer further shipments of maize to this Province until June 1948. I told the Secretary, Ministry of Food at Delhi, that Madras could not consume more maize but will require other foodgrains. He also promised that no more maize except perhaps one ship-load would be sent to Madras for the year.

Wheat and wheat products: A consignment of 2000 tons of wheat arrived on 13-4-48. Taking this into account, the stock of wheat on 15-4-48 was 6,109 tons.

Progress of Procurement: During the fortnight ending 31-3-48, 57,444 tons of rice and 1,310 tons of millets were procured in the Province (49,696 tons of rice and 200 tons of millets under the intensive procurement scheme and 7,748 tons of rice and 1,110 tons of millets under the levy scheme) as against 71,293 tons of rice and 770 tons of millets procured during the previous fortnight. There was a decrease of 13,849 tons of rice and an increase of 540 tons of millets over the figures for the previous fortnight. There was generally a fall in procurement in the surplus districts (except Guntur and Nellore) where the intensive procurement scheme is in force. The fall in procurement is partly attributed to the unwillingness of producers to part with stocks at the village site prices.

Of the districts coming under the levy scheme, there was a fall in the procurement of rice in the districts of Bellary, Coimbatore, Madura and Chittoor. The Collectors of the districts concerned have been asked to concentrate their attention on procurement and see that the targets fixed are reached in full before the end of April when the harvest is likely to be concluded.

A note on the prices of several commodities in the derationed areas and statements showing the price of each commodity at the several centres are at pp.8-9 c.f. and at pp.11-14 c.f. respectively.

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W) and H.E.

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13-5-48 - H.M.(Food)
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P.S.G. H.E. has seen, thanks.

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To A.S.

The case may now be sent to the Director of Information and Publicity for perusal and return.

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21-5-48 Dr. I.P.

To A.S.

The papers may now be recorded.

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